

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel Claims 1 and 4.

(A marked-up version of the amended claims is attached to this Amendment.)

Amend Claims 2, 3 and 5-10 as follows:

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2. (Amended) An electric vehicle, comprising a vehicle body, and means for keeping the vehicle body at a stopped position using rotating torque of an electric motor for driving the vehicle body when a brake pedal is depressed, wherein said rotating torque is calculated corresponding to an amount of depression of the brake pedal, and means for keeping the vehicle body at the stopped position by generating a calculated rotating torque in the electric motor.

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3. (Twice amended) An electric vehicle according to claim 12, wherein, when the brake pedal is stepped on under a condition that the vehicle body is at the stopped position by the rotating torque of the electric motor, the rotating torque is decreased and a quantity of motion of the electric vehicle is measured, and the electric vehicle is again brought to the stopped position by the rotating torque when said quantity of motion exceeds a preset value.

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5. (Amended) An electric vehicle according to claim 13, wherein said preset maximum holding time is a time required for a driver of said electric vehicle to change from depressing the brake pedal to actuating the an accelerator pedal.

6. (Amended) An electric vehicle according to claim 13, wherein after said preset maximum holding time has elapsed, said rotating torque is gradually decreased.

7. (Amended) An electric vehicle according to claim 6, wherein an alarm is provided for getting a driver's attention while said rotating torque is gradually being decreased.

83 8. (Amended) An electric vehicle, comprising a vehicle body, an electric motor; a control unit; a brake pedal; and an oil hydraulic pressure brake device operatively driven by said control unit, wherein said control unit is operable to keep the vehicle body at a stopped position using rotating torque of said electric motor for a preset period from the time when said brake pedal is not actuated after the vehicle body is stopped by depressing said brake pedal, and is also operable to keep the vehicle body at the stopped position by the oil hydraulic pressure brake device after said preset period has elapsed.

9. (Amended) A method of keeping an electric vehicle at a stopped position using rotating torque of an electric motor for driving the vehicle body, comprising depressing a brake pedal, calculating said rotating torque corresponding to an amount of depression of the brake pedal, and generating a calculated rotating torque in the electric motor to keep the vehicle body in the stopped position.

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10. (Amended) A method of keeping an electric vehicle at a stopped position according to claim 9, wherein, when the brake pedal is released and again depressed under a condition that the vehicle body is at the stopped position by utilizing the rotating torque of the electric motor, decreasing the rotating torque, measuring an amount of downward motion of the electric vehicle on a sloping road, and again bringing the electric vehicle to the stopped position by the rotating torque when said measured amount of downward motion of the electric vehicle exceeds a preset value.

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Add the following new claims:

D4  
12. (New) An electric vehicle, comprising an electric motor for driving said vehicle, and a position control means for keeping said vehicle in a stopped position using rotating torque of said electric motor, wherein said position control means includes first means for calculating a minimum motor torque for keeping said vehicle in the stopped position by using change information of motor position, and second means for controlling said electric motor in accordance with said minimum motor torque.

13. (New) An electric vehicle, comprising a vehicle body, a motor driving the vehicle body and control means for keeping the vehicle body at a stopped position using rotating torque of said electric motor,

wherein said control means includes a position control means having a holding period to keep the vehicle body at the stopped position under application of the rotating torque of said motor after a brake pedal is released; and a motor